



Nov. 10, 2014
5:00 – 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Meeting Minutes

***Activate NCTV Camera to Record Meeting**

1. Members present/absent : Present: *Councilor Murphy, Councilor Carney, Councilor O'Donnell*
2. Meeting Called to Order: *At 5:00 pm, Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.*
3. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting
4. Public Comment-*None*
5. Approve Minutes of the September 22, 2014-*Councilor Carney moved to accept the Meeting Minutes of Sept. 22, 2014; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

5:15 pm - Continuation of Public Hearing of June 9 & July 16 & Sept. 22, 2014 on the Following Items:

6. Ordinance: Amend §350G Replacement of Moratorium on Construction of 7+ Units in the URB District with Language Specified (*Referred by City Council April 3, 2014*)
7. Ordinance: Amend §350H Replacement of Moratorium on Construction of 7+ Units in the URC District with Language Specified (*Referred by City Council April 3, 2014*)

At 5:18, Councilor Carney moved to reopen the Public Hearing regarding the Ordinances to amend §350G & §350H. Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Senior Planner Carolyn Misch recapped the changes that were under consideration. The Committee reviewed the proposed Ordinances that included submissions proposed by Councilor O'Donnell with language revisions recommended by Attorney Seewald.

The following 3 friendly amendments were introduced:

D. Environment and Energy (a) shall read: Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rating for the building envelope at least 25% lower than the current municipal standard at the time the special permit is requested but in no event shall the HERS rating be greater than 47 for units for units Of 1,200 sq ft or less, and no greater than 41 for units larger than 1,200 sq. ft. Alternatively, for units of 1,200 sq. ft. or less, the Planning Board may consider a comparable energy standard to the HERS rating of 47 after consultation with the Building Commissioner.

E. Size, Access and Affordability (F) shall read: All projects that include infrastructure making internet connectivity available shall do so without differences in quality, capacity or speed to residents of both affordable and non-affordable units.

B. Streets and Roadways (a) shall read For projects that have more than one vehicular access, driveways and roadways shall internally and externally connect to each other and dead-end streets shall be avoided whenever

possible. Dead-end roadways and driveways shall never exceed 500 feet and, to the extent possible, must include a bicycle and pedestrian connection from the dead-end street to a street, common area, park or civic space.

At 6:15pm Councilor Carney motioned to close the Public Hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor Carney moved to accept the friendly amendments made by the Committee and return the Ordinance to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

8. Appointments to Committees (Referred from City Council Meeting of Sept. 18, 2014):

A. Arts Council:

- New Appointments:

- Cassandra Kellam of 222 Prospect St., Northampton – term October 2014 – October 2017; appointment to fill the vacancy left by Robin Glenn.

Councilor Carney will follow up with Candidate Cassandra Kellam to discuss her candidacy for the Arts Council; this appointment recommendation will be reviewed at the December 8, 2014 Committee meeting.

B. Recreation Commission

- New Appointments

- Julia Chevan of 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence – term October 2014 – October, 2017; membership begins immediately to fill vacancy left by the retirement of James ; Durfer.
- Yvonne Keefe of 40 Hickory Drive, Florence – term October 2014-June 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointments back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

C. Council on Aging

- New Appointment

- Alexiz Peluyera, 145 Spring St., Florence – term October 2014-April 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointments back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

D. Human Rights Commission

- Carolyn Toll Oppenheim, 3 Montview Ave., Northampton—term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2017 (Referred to Comm on ROAO on Oct. 16, 2014)

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send the appointment of Ms. Oppenhiem back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

E. Board of Almoners (Referred to Comm on ROAO on Nov. 6, 2014)

- Susan Stubbs-13 Trumbull Rd., term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2015
- Patricia Ahearn-20 Fort St., term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2016
- Joseph Misterka-312 Chesterfield Rd., term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2016
- Michael Shaughnessy – 153 Bridge St., term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2017

Councilor Carney moved to send the appointments back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

- Andrea Murray-54 Day Ave., term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2015

Councilor O'Donnell will follow up with Andrea Murray to discuss her candidacy for the Board of Almoners; this appointment recommendation will be reviewed at the December 8, 2014 Committee meeting.

F. Trust Fund Committee (Referred to Comm on ROAO on Nov. 6, 2014)

- Bill Williams, 11 Barrett Place, term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2015
- David Herships, 22 Warburton Way, term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2016
- Gerald Budger, 127 Bridge St., term Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2017

Councilor Carney moved to send the appointments back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

9. *The Following Ordinances in Support of Mayor Narkewicz's Administrative Orders were referred to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances on November 6, 2014:*

- 14.253 Ordinance: Code Change: Comm. Preservation Committee
- 14.254 Ordinance: Code Changes to Agricultural Commission Sections
- 14.259 Ordinance: Add Administrative Order Chapters to Code
- 14.301 Ordinance: Ch 325-Water
- 14.300 Ordinance: Ch 316—Horse Drawn Carriages
- 14.299 Ordinance: Ch 312-Sec 14—Traffic Signs & Signals
- 14.298 Ordinance: Ch 303-5 Temporary Events
- 14.297 Ordinance: Ch 290—Subdivision of Land
- 14.296 Ordinance: Ch 281—Stormwater Management
- 14.295 Ordinance: Ch 280 – Stormwater & Flood Control Utility
- 14.294 Ordinance: Ch 278 – Stormdrains
- 14.293 Ordinance: Ch 337 – Wetland Protection
- 14.292 Ordinance: Ch 264 – Signs
- 14.291 Ordinance: Ch 256 Article I – Sewer Assessment, Billing & General Regulations
- 14.290 Ordinance: Ch 285 – Streets, Sidewalks & Public Property
- 14.289 Ordinance: Ch 229 Parades & Processions
- 14.288 Ordinance: Ch 40 List of Enforcing Officers & Penalties for noncriminal disposition
- 14.287 Ordinance: Numbering of Buildings
- 14.286 Ordinance: Ch 272 Solid Waste

Mayor Narkewicz presented the Ordinances above for consideration by the Committee. Most of the changes to the code reflect department name updates and, where appropriate, changes in procedures were more accurately described. A number of Ordinances pertaining to the Department of Public Works were updated to reflect a change in responsibility. The Ordinance regarding signs (Ch 264) was modified to eliminate a reference to an outdated practice of hanging banners on Main St.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to moved to return these Ordinances as a group to Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

10. *The Following Ordinances were referred to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances on November 6, 2014:*

14.281 Ordinance: §312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times – Pleasant St.

14.282 Ordinance §312-109 Pleasant St., Schedule VIII: On Street Parking Meter Zones

Councilor O'Donnell moved to take the Parking related Ordinances as a group; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor O'Donnell stated that there is a parking meter on Pleasant St. that currently has bag over it as the parking space location is too close to a cross walk. This makes maneuvering in and out of the parking space dangerous for pedestrians. If accepted, this Ordinance would eliminate the parking space and parking meter would be removed.

Councilor Carney moved to return these ordinances back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

11. NEW BUSINESS –*Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.-None*

12. ADJOURN -- *At 6:39 pm, Councilor Carney moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

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